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STANDING SCHEDULES
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BASE BALL LEAGUES

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

W. L. Pct. Win. Loss.
Boston..... 79 29 .670 573 664
Detroit..... 74 42 .648 651 642
Chicago..... 73 47 .609 612 604
Nationals..... 60 57 .513 517 509
New York..... 55 60 .478 483 474
St. Louis..... 47 73 .392 396 388
Cleveland..... 45 74 .378 383 375
Athletics..... 36 81 .308 313 295

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

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Phillies..... 64 50 .562 565 557
Brooklyn..... 60 56 .517 514 502
Boston..... 61 55 .526 520 521
Chicago..... 58 59 .495 500 490
St. Louis..... 58 62 .482 488 479
New York..... 54 60 .474 478 470
Pittsburgh..... 56 65 .463 467 459
Cincinnati..... 54 65 .454 458 450

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.
AMERICAN LEAGUE.
St. Louis, 2, Washington, 1.
Detroit, 7, New York, 4.
Boston, 1, Cleveland, 0.
Chicago, 3, Philadelphia, 0.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
No games scheduled.

SCHEDULES.
AMERICAN LEAGUE.
TODAY: New York at Wash., Cleveland at St. Louis, Chicago at Detroit.
TOMORROW: Chicago at New York, Cincinnati at Boston, St. Louis at Philadelphia, Pittsburgh at Brooklyn.

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MINOR LEAGUE RESULTS.

FEDERAL LEAGUE.
Chicago, 3, Pittsburgh, 2.
Cleveland, 6, Detroit, 4.
St. Louis, 2, Kansas City, 1.
St. Paul, 3, Baltimore, 2.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.
Kansas City, 10, Columbus, 5 (first game).
Columbus, 10, Kansas City, 5 (second game).
St. Paul, 5, Louisville, 4 (first game).
Louisville, 4, St. Paul, 5 (second game).

WESTERN LEAGUE.
Minneapolis, 2, Indianapolis, 0 (first game).
Indianapolis, 2, Minneapolis, 0 (second game).
Cleveland, 10, Milwaukee, 10.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.
Salt Lake, 6, Oakland, 4 (first game).
Oakland, 6, Salt Lake, 4 (second game).
San Francisco, 5, Portland, 3 (first game).
Portland, 5, San Francisco, 3 (second game).
Los Angeles, 6, Portland, 5 (second game).

FAILURE TO HIT IS CAUSE OF DEFEAT OF NATIONALS

Team Hoped to Make Clean Sweep of Series With Browns. But Fell Down With Bat.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

ST. LOUIS, August 30.—The final game of the 1915 season in the west for the Nationals was played yesterday, when Walter Johnson finished second in his meeting with George Sisler, who joined the Browns two months ago, after completing his education at the University of Michigan. After the game the Washington party boarded a train for the east and will play the remaining games of the season in the eastern section of the circuit.

The final series here was much of a disappointment to Manager Griffith and the Nationals. They had counted on two out of the three games here and possibly a clean sweep. Instead they lost two out of three.

Doc Ayers' failure to win wasn't as much the fault of the pitcher as it was the fault of the Washington club. Had Milan had a little more of the hitting when he made only one run in twelve innings. The Griffiths batted much in the same fashion with Johnson pitching yesterday. They scored one run in two innings. An error had to be made by the home club or the Griffiths would have owned a record of nine ciphers.

Johnson's pitching would have won a majority of games. The error by Williams proved very costly, as it let one run in and put a runner in scoring position. Had Williams made a play on Jacobson's attempted sacrifice it would have put Walker on second base. The pitching would probably have been different and Howard and Severid might not have poked their hits.

Williams' error, however, proved the "break" of the game and unfortunately it was against Johnson and the Nationals. Every time some one pulls off the hidden ball trick the side which is the victim falls in legislation against this means of retiring base runners. Horace Milan, playing his first game as a National, was caught off second in this fashion in the eighth inning, after only one was out—a very critical stage of the contest.

Milan was no more to blame than Manager Griffith, who was coaching at first base, and John Henry, who was

each no run would have counted, as Lavan threw out Gandil on the next play.

Two of the four hits made by the Browns in the second inning were scratch affairs, and even then it required a wild throw by Williams to help the locals to score two runs.

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coaching at third. They should have seen Pratt hide the ball. Instead Griffith was shouting to Milan to get farther away from second, when Pratt raced over and caught him off the bag.

The presence of young Milan in the game was due to a switch made by Manager Griffith in the game of getting more hitting in the game in the last innings.

He benched Acosta, sent Shanks to right field and Ray Morgan to third base in the seventh inning. Morgan was first up in the eighth and got to first base on a fumble by Lavan.

After Morgan had reached first, Griffith called him out and sent in young Milan to run for him. Moeller laid down a sacrifice and Milan reached second, where he was picked off the bag when hit a bouncer by Severid from his armpit, and, racing to the cushion, tagged the youngster.

Sisler's game was a good one. After the first inning there was only one frame in which he permitted a single to get on base at two. That was in the second inning. Johnson opened this inning with a single and moved up on Williams' sacrifice. Then McBride drew a walk. With the call three and two on Acosta, Johnson and Moeller started running with the pitch. Acosta swung and missed and Johnson was doubled, sliding into third on Severid's throw to Austin.

Foster's second single off Sisler came with one out in the third. Milan then hit a bouncer over second, but Lavan in running over to cover the bag scooped up the ball, stepped on second and threw to Howard in time to double up the batter.

The third double play made by the Browns was also on a hit-and-run play that failed to go through for the Nationals. With Shanks on first in the ninth and one out, Howard dashed for second and Johnson connected with the ball. He hit a liner straight to Lavan and Shanks was easily doubled off first.

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Fight for Fourth Place To Begin Here Tomorrow

Bill Donovan and his Yankees will open their final series here tomorrow. The New Yorkers will be here for five days, during which six games will be played, there being five scheduled contests and one postponement. It will be a fight for fourth place in the American League race. It will be possible for the Nationals to clinch their hold on that position by winning a majority of the games from the Yankees, but the two teams may reverse conditions.

Pertinent Comment On Happenings in Sportdom

By J. ED GRILLO.

The Griffiths won six and lost eight on the trip which closed at St. Louis yesterday. After a miserable start in Boston, where three straight were dropped, the locals did well in the west, winning two out of three from Cleveland and Chicago, breaking even with Detroit, but falling down against the Browns, who won two out of the three games. The team, however, seems to be safely entrenched in fourth place, for the Yankees have not played up to their standard on the present trip, and have lost considerable ground.

The question of which one of the two teams will finish in the first division will probably be fought out during the week's stay of the Yankees here. The Donovan crew will play six games in five days here and the outcome of these will mean much as to which of the teams is to finish in the first division.

The excellent showing of Harry Harper in the two games he has pitched since being brought back from Minneapolis, gives promise of Manager Griffith having another serviceable left-handed pitcher by next season. Harper won both of the games he pitched and allowed but four hits in each. His control seems to be so much improved that it is no longer a handicap to his chances of winning and he really has all the earmarks of making a great pitcher. Harper is barely out of his teens. He has the size and the ambition. His stay with Joe Cantillon, who worked him as much as he possibly could, has been the making of Harper.

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Big Tennis Tournay Postponed—Wet Courts

FOREST HILLS, L. I., August 30.—The opening round of the national lawn tennis championship tournament scheduled for today was postponed until tomorrow owing to wet courts. President Wren of the national association inspected the courts of the Westside Club with several members of the executive committee and decided that the tournament would not permit of play today, owing to the continued rain of the past twenty-four hours. The same time schedule and order of play will be observed tomorrow.

NATIONALS IN BATTING SLUMP, WITH MILAN STILL LEADING

Moeller and McBride Go Up 5 Points, But the Other Regulars, Excepting the Pitchers, Slip Backward.

A majority of the Nationals fell away in their batting during the past week, especially the men who are supposed to hit the hardest dropping back, while the weak stickers went ahead. Moeller and McBride went up 5 points, while the pitchers also advanced. Milan continues to retain the premier position, although he fell away 4 points, and is now hitting at a .286 rate. In team batting the Nationals lost 1 point, while in fielding their figures are the same as last week.

Following are the averages in detail, covering all the games played by the Nationals since the opening of the season and including the Saturday's battle in St. Louis:

Players.	G.	AB.	R.	H.	Pct.
Milan	109	438	63	121	.274
Moeller	109	431	55	122	.282
McBride	109	431	55	122	.282
Shanks	109	431	55	122	.282
Kopp	9	27	1	7	.259
Williams	44	162	14	28	.173
Stonkes	101	354	43	84	.237
Williams	109	431	55	122	.282
Howard	109	431	55	122	.282
Hunt	109	431	55	122	.282
Morgan	109	431	55	122	.282
Boehling	32	64	10	14	.219
Johnson	47	119	12	23	.193
Almshelm	41	112	13	23	.205
Johnson	109	431	55	122	.282
Gallin	31	63	3	12	.190
Verd	35	72	9	12	.167
Asers	24	42	3	7	.167
Harpes	5	8	1	0	.000
Rice	3	2	0	0	.000
Barber	2	1	0	0	.000
Totals	109	3,404	403	837	.243

Players	G.	PO.	A.	Pct.
Harpes	5	0	2	1.000
Gallin	31	91	92	.498
Boehling	32	8	57	1.985
Johnson	47	9	52	1.896
Gallin	31	12	50	1.985
Williams	108	171	327	.293
Johnson	109	228	112	.203
McBride	109	251	303	.291
Johnson	47	12	74	.122
Johnson	47	13	75	.155
Stonkes	101	14	82	.143
Acosta	44	42	4	.333